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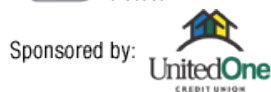
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GM2 Jared D. Krutke, 24, of Sheboygan died while serving his country with the US Navy in Guam on Thursday, March 15, 200.

Jared was born on November 13, 1982 in Sheboygan, the son of Gary Krutke and Jacqueline (Gibson) Krutke Walston.

Jared attended the Evangelical Free Church with his family during the years that he grew up. Jared graduated from Sheboygan County Christian High School in 2001. On December 21, 2002 Jared married the former Nicole Veldboom of Oostburg.

Jared joined the US Navy in August of 2001 and served up until the time of his death. He was a gunners mate on the ships, USS Detroit AOE4 and the USS Ashland LSD48. He was proud to have been able to serve his country.

Jared attended the Handsboro Baptist Church in Gulfport, MS and the Calvary Chapel in Guam. He enjoyed fishing, hiking, and star gazing while on his ship assignments. Jared was a "big kid at heart" and still enjoyed Legos and Star Wars. He was loved by all who knew him, an optimist, and always willing to help those in need.

He is survived by his wife, Nicole of Gulfport MS; a seventeen month old daughter, Elizabeth; his mother and step father, Jackie and Larry Walston of Sheboygan, father and step mother, Gary (Cami) Krutke of Prescott; two sisters, Brittany Krutke of Black River Falls and Jasmine Walston of Sheboygan; one brother, Joe (Jess) Krutke of Monroe; mother-in-law, Sue Veldboom of Oostburg; two brothers-in-law, Scott Oonk of Kentwood, Michigan and Jeff (Amy) Oonk of Sparta, Michigan; grandparents, Roy and Sandra Gibson of Sheboygan, Gerald and Joan Krutke of Port St Lucie, Florida, Robert and Katie TenPas, Lewie and Wilma Veldboom; and great grandmother, Viola Van Stelle, all of Oostburg.

Jared was preceded in death by his father-in-law, Eugene Veldboom.

Funeral services will be held at the Evangelical Free Church in Sheboygan on Thursday, March 29, 2007 at 1:30 pm with the Rev. Jon MacDonald officiating. Full Military Honors and burial will follow at Hartman Cemetery in the Town of Wilson.

Friends may call at the Wenig Funeral Home in Oostburg on Wednesday from 3-8 pm, and on Thursday, at church, from 11 am until the time of the funeral at 1:30 pm.

Online condolences may be sent to wenig@wenigfuneralhome.com

A memorial fund is being established in Jared's memory for the Handsboro Baptist Church Hurricane Rebuilding Fund and the Elizabeth Krutke Education Fund. Contributions for either fund may be sent to: Nicole Krutke, at 814 Superior Ave. Oostburg, WI 53070.

The staff of the Wenig Funeral Home in Oostburg (920-564-2771) is serving the Krutke and Veldboom families.

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